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Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational and first substantive sessions of 2005

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report details budgetary requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational and first substantive sessions of 2005. The expenditure requirements arising as a result of those resolutions and decisions are estimated at $4,143,300, of which $3,571,300 could be absorbed within the resources provided for either the 2004-2005 or the 2006-2007 biennium. The remaining requirement of $572,000 for appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007 would be subject to the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

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I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted to inform the General Assembly of the requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational and first substantive sessions of 2005.

2. The Council adopted a number of resolutions and decisions in which it authorized relevant functional commissions, standing committees or expert bodies to undertake additional activities, including meetings, in excess of the resources approved in the 2004-2005 programme budget[1] and the estimates in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.[2] In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of those resolutions and decisions. The additional requirements entailed by the Council's resolutions and decisions are described below.

3. With regard to additional conference-servicing requirements, in each relevant case the Council was informed of the full cost of the additional services to be provided and any potential for absorption of the requirements within the approved appropriations, as applicable. On that basis, it was indicated to the Council that net additional resources would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and 2006-2007, section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Subsequently, however it was determined that there is every likelihood that the additional expenses envisaged for the present biennium could be accommodated within the resources available within the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005. The actual expenditures associated with these requirements will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

4. In its report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999 (A/54/7/Add.2), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions requested that future reports on the subject contain full cost estimates, including both conference and non-conference costs, of additional requirements. In response to that request, the additional requirements resulting from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 2005 to be financed from the existing provisions of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and in addition to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 are indicated in the annex to the present report.

II. Additional requirements entailed by resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council

A. Resolution 2005/5: Support to the Bureau in preparing for future sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development

5. By operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 2005/5, the Council decided:

(a) That in order for members of the Bureau to carry out their functions effectively, consideration should be given to providing financial support consisting of travel and daily subsistence to members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, through designated extrabudgetary contributions to the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(b) That financial support to members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition should cover participation in one of the meetings of the Bureau to be held outside New York and the respective regional implementation meeting and other relevant meetings in the region.

6. The activities to be carried out relate to subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007 and section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

7. **Resolution 2005/5 does not entail additional resources over and above those requested in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, which will be considered by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session. It is estimated, however, that the resources of $126,400 required to meet travel and daily subsistence allowance of members of the Bureau would need to be available under the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development in order to implement the terms of the resolution.**

B. Resolution 2005/6: Support for the travel of representatives from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to future sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development

8. By operative paragraph 2 of resolution 2005/6, the Council recommended that the General Assembly decide that support to participants from developing countries, with priority given to the least developed countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, may be provided from the Trust Fund for travel from funds designated for that purpose.

9. The activities to be carried out relate to subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007 and section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

10. On the basis of recent experience it is assumed that such financial support would consist of only travel costs and not per diem for up to 100 representatives. Accordingly, it is estimated that an amount of $1,500,000 would be required for attendance at the fourteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (review session), the intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the fifteenth session of the Commission and the fifteenth session (policy session), to be held in the biennium 2006-2007.

11. **Resolution 2005/6 would not entail additional resources over and above those requested in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, which will be considered by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session. It is estimated, however, that resources of $1,500,000 would need to be available**

to meet the requirements of participants from developing countries to travel to meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development under the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

C. Resolution 2005/29: Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session and provisional agenda for its sixth session

12. By operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 2005/29, the Economic and Social Council decided to hold the sixth session of the Forum from 13 to 24 February 2006 in New York and also decided that the Forum, at its sixth session, should consider the venue and dates of its seventh session.

13. Provisions would be required in 2006 for the servicing of a total of 40 meetings, with 4 meetings per day (2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon) and with interpretation services in all six languages. Documentation requirements are estimated at 674 (double-spaced) pages of pre-session, 50 pages of in-session and 32 pages of post-session documents to be processed in all six languages. As the venue and dates of the seventh session will be decided by the Forum at its sixth session, in accordance with the headquarters principle, costing for the seventh session is based on the conference-servicing requirements for the sixth session.

14. The dates and venue for the sixth session will be included in the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2006-2007. As for the seventh session, the venue will be listed as New York in the draft calendar according to the headquarters principle and paragraph 15 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, in which the Council requests the Secretary-General, in proposing future United Nations programme budgets, to include provisions for the United Nations Forum on Forests and its secretariat.

15. **The conference-servicing requirements for the sixth and seventh sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests are estimated at $1,303,500 per session on a full-cost basis, or a total of $2,607,000. Provisions for the sessions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Therefore, no additional appropriation is required.**

D. Resolution 2005/46: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

16. By operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 8 of resolution 2005/46, the Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Advisory Group until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2006, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socio-economic recovery and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the Interim Cooperation Framework and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms;

(b) Expressed its satisfaction to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the Advisory Group and requested him to continue to support the Group's activities adequately;

(c) Decided that the work of the Advisory Group would be reviewed at the substantive session of 2006, with a view to considering whether to continue its mandate, based on the Council's consideration of the report of the Advisory Group and of the situation then prevailing in Haiti.

17. Support to be provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group would consist of travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for four members of the Group and one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to undertake a mission to Haiti in April 2006.

18. The resource requirements to undertake the consultation mission are estimated at $13,500 and would provide for travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses ($11,500 for four members of the Advisory Group and $2,000 for one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs). These resources have not been provided in the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007. The potential for absorption of the requirements of $13,500 within the estimates proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 has been considered, and it is anticipated that it will not be possible to absorb the additional costs. **These requirements would need to be met through an additional appropriation by the General Assembly.**

19. **It is anticipated that the conference-servicing costs required for servicing the Advisory Group would be negligible and would therefore be met within resources to be made available under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Accordingly, no additional appropriation is required.**

E. Decision 2005/217: Reform proposed by the Secretary-General in the area of human rights

20. By its decision 2005/217, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 59/145 of 17 December 2004 and 59/291 of 15 April 2005, in which the Assembly, inter alia, requested the President of the General Assembly to continue to hold open, inclusive and transparent consultations with all Member States with a view to reaching the broadest possible agreement on all major issues relating to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly to be held in September 2005, and also taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/116, decided to request the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights to organize, at the Commission's sixty-first session, an open-ended informal consultation of up to two days to reflect on the recommendations on human rights contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all" (A/59/2005 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3) with a view to contributing to the intergovernmental deliberations to be held in the Assembly on the proposed reforms of the United Nations;

(b) To that end also decided to authorize the Chairperson to prepare a summary of the informal consultation by 15 June 2005, to be transmitted to the President of the General Assembly through the President of the Economic and Social Council.

21. The decision would require provisions for conference servicing for the biennium 2004-2005 as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	55 900
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	1 400
Total	**57 300**

22. No provisions have been made for these requirements under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. **However, every effort will be made to absorb the requirements from within the revised appropriation for that biennium. Actual expenditures associated with this activity will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

F. Decision 2005/252: International expert group meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, indigenous participation and good governance

23. By its decision 2005/252, the Economic and Social Council decided to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, indigenous participation and good governance, with the participation of representatives of the United Nations system and three members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, invited other interested intergovernmental organizations, experts from indigenous organizations and interested Member States to participate as well and requested the meeting to report to the Forum at its fifth session under the special theme of that session.

24. At the fourth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, an oral statement of programme budget implications concerning draft decision I, entitled "International expert group meeting on Millennium Development Goals, indigenous participation and good governance" (E/C.19/2005/L.11), was presented to the Forum. In the statement the Secretariat informed the Forum, inter alia, that the need for an additional appropriation of $179,800 to provide conference services to the international expert group meeting called for in the draft decision would be dealt with in accordance with procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.

25. **Since the fourth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Secretariat has reviewed the services requested for the proposed meeting and determined that, consistent with established practice, conference services for meetings of this nature, as required, would be provided on an as-available basis. Therefore, no additional appropriation is required.**

G. Decision 2005/255: The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

26. In its decision 2005/255, the Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/2 and endorsed the Commission's decision to establish a working group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, to be composed of five independent experts, one from each regional group, to meet intersessionally for a period of three years, with the following mandate:

(a) To elaborate and present concrete proposals on possible new standards, general guidelines or basic principles encouraging the further protection of human rights, in particular the rights of people to self-determination, while facing current and emergent threats posed by mercenaries or mercenary-related activities;

(b) To seek opinions and contributions from Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on questions relating to its mandate;

(c) To monitor mercenaries and mercenary-related activities in all their forms and manifestations in different parts of the world;

(d) To study and identify emerging issues, manifestations and trends regarding mercenaries or mercenary-related activities and their impact on human rights, particularly on the right of peoples to self-determination;

(e) To monitor and study the effects of the activities of private companies offering military assistance, consultancy and security services on the international market on the enjoyment of human rights, particularly the right of peoples to self-determination, and to prepare draft international basic principles that encourage respect for human rights on the part of those companies in their activities.

27. The Council also endorsed the request of the Commission to the working group to report annually to the Commission and the General Assembly.

28. Activities envisaged in connection with the establishment of a working group would require provisions for consultancies ($15,000 per year, or $45,000 for the three-year mandate), travel and subsistence for the experts ($49,300 annually, or $147,900 for the three-year mandate) to attend the meetings of the group and to undertake annual field missions, and travel and subsistence for the Chairman of the group ($13,300 annually, or $39,900 for the three-year mandate). The full cost of these requirements under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 amount to $77,600.

29. Meetings of the working group would require further annual provisions for conference services for five days' duration in the amount of $107,100 for the biennium 2004-2005, as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	103 800
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	3 300
Total	**107 100**

30. Total conference-servicing requirements for the three-year mandate would amount to $321,300.

31. No provisions have been made under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for the travel requirements of the working group and its Chairman or for the associated consultancy and conference-servicing requirements. **Nonetheless, every effort will be made to accommodate the requirements from within the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005 and, within the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, the actual expenditures associated with this activity will be reported to the General Assembly.**

32. **No provisions have been made for the travel and conference-servicing requirements of the working group in the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007. It is estimated that additional requirements would amount to $155,200 under section 23, Human rights, $207,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $6,600 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva.**

H. Decision 2005/256: The right to development

33. By its decision 2005/256, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/4, approved the decision of the Commission to renew for one year the mandate of the open-ended working group established to monitor and review progress made in the promotion and implementation of the right to development and to convene its seventh session before the sixty-second session of the Commission for a period of 10 working days, 5 of which would be allocated to the second meeting of the high-level task force on the right to development, to be held well in advance of the session of the working group.

34. The five-day task force meeting and five-day session of the working group would require provisions for conference servicing for the biennium 2004-2005 as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	341 600
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	6 600
Total	**348 200**

35. Provisions related to the extension of the mandate of the working group and the meetings of the high-level task force and the working group have been included under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. **Hence, the adoption of the resolution would not entail additional conference-servicing requirements.**

36. Activities envisaged in connection with the meeting of the task force would require provisions for travel and subsistence and the commissioning of four expert papers. The full costs of such requirements amount to $89,300 under budget section 24, Human rights, for the biennium 2004-2005. **No provisions have been made under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for these requirements. However, it is anticipated that the costs could be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for the biennium under section 24.**

37. Resources for travel and subsistence would also be required in connection with the report of the Chairman of the high-level task force to the working group at its meeting in early 2006. No provisions have been made for these requirements in the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007. **It is estimated that additional requirements would amount to $6,500 under section 23, Human rights.**

I. Decision 2005/260: Effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights

38. By its decision 2005/260, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/19 and endorsed the Commission's decision to request the independent expert to report to the General Assembly on the issue of the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights.

39. The Council also endorsed the Commission's request for the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources required to carry out his functions, as well as to facilitate his participation in and contribution to the follow-up process of the International Conference on Financing for Development, including in the multi-stakeholder consultations to be organized in 2005 on issues relevant to his mandate.

40. As decided by the Commission on Human Rights, expert consultations of three working days are proposed to be convened to contribute to the report of the independent expert. This would require provisions for conference servicing under the programme budget for 2004-2005 as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	82 600
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	1 900
Total	**84 500**

41. **While no provision has been made in the budget to convene the expert consultation of three working days, it is anticipated that the estimated costs will be able to be accommodated within the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005. In the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, the actual expenditures incurred for this activity will be reported to the General Assembly.**

42. In addition, provisions for travel and subsistence for four experts (including two from debtor countries) and for consultancy would be required in connection with the expert consultations. The total costs of such requirements would amount to $43,400. **No provisions have been made for these activities in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. However, it is anticipated that the costs could be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for the biennium under section 24, Human rights.**

43. The provision of $17,500 for travel and subsistence for the independent expert, an expert of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the special rapporteurs on economic, social and cultural rights would also be required in connection with the expert consultation. Their respective mandates fall under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature, provisions for which have already been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 under section 24. **Hence, no additional appropriation would be required in this regard.**

44. Resources for travel and subsistence, as well as for temporary assistance, for the independent expert would amount to $21,900 in the biennium 2004-2005 under section 24. The mandate of the independent expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature. Provisions for activities of this nature have already been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. **Hence, no additional appropriation would be required.**

J. Decision 2005/273: Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

45. By its decision 2005/273, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/69 and approved the request of the Commission to the Secretary-General to appoint a special representative on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises for an initial period of two years, to undertake the activities set out in that resolution.

46. The Council also endorsed the Commission's request to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene annually, in cooperation with the special representative, a meeting with senior executives from companies and experts from a particular sector, such as the pharmaceutical, extractive or chemical industries, to consider, within the mandate of the special representative as set out in operative paragraph 1 of the resolution, the specific human rights issues faced by those sectors, to raise awareness and share best practices and to report on the outcome of the first meeting to the Commission at its sixty-second session.

47. The full cost of the activities of the special representative would amount to $39,100 under section 24, Human rights, in the biennium 2004-2005 and $39,100 under section 23, Human rights, in the biennium 2006-2007.

48. The mandate of the special representative falls under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature. Provisions for activities of this nature have already been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Hence, no additional appropriation would be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

49. The meeting with senior executives of companies would require annual provisions for conference servicing as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	44 300
Section 29E/28E. Administration, Geneva	1 400
Total	**45 700**

50. No provisions have been made under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to convene the meeting called for in paragraph 5 of the resolution. **However, every effort will be made to absorb the requirements from within the revised appropriation for the biennium. Actual expenditures associated with this activity will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

51. Likewise, no provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007 for the conference-servicing requirements of the meeting to be held in 2006. It is estimated that additional requirements would amount to $44,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $1,400 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva. **These additional requirements would need to be met through an additional appropriation by the General Assembly.**

52. In addition, provisions for travel and subsistence for five experts in the amount of $25,500 in connection with the meeting would be required under section 24, Human rights, in the biennium 2004-2005. No provision has been made for these requirements. It is anticipated, however, that the costs could be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for this biennium under section 24. **Therefore, no additional appropriation is required.**

53. Resources for travel and subsistence for five experts in connection with the meeting would also be required in 2006. No provision has been made for these requirements in the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007. It is estimated that additional requirements would amount to $25,500 under section 23, Human rights. **These requirements would need to be met through an additional appropriation by the General Assembly.**

K. Decision 2005/278: Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

54. By its decision 2005/278, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/79 and endorsed the Commission's request to the High Commissioner for Human Rights to appoint an independent expert on minority issues for a period of two years, with the following mandate:

(a) To promote the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, including through consultations with Governments, taking into account existing international standards and national legislation concerning minorities;

(b) To identify best practices and possibilities for technical cooperation by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at the request of Governments;

(c) To apply a gender perspective in his or her work;

(d) To cooperate closely, while avoiding duplication, with existing relevant United Nations bodies, mandates, mechanisms and regional organizations;

(e) To take into account the views of non-governmental organizations on matters pertaining to his or her mandate.

55. The Council also endorsed the request of the Commission to the independent expert to submit annual reports on his or her activities to the Commission, including recommendations for effective strategies for the better implementation of the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

56. The Council further endorsed the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide all the necessary resources, from within existing budgetary resources, for the effective fulfilment of the mandate of the independent expert.

57. The Council endorsed the decision of the Commission to amend the mandate of the Working Group on Minorities of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights with a view to the Working Group holding one session of three consecutive working days annually during the time of the annual session of the Subcommission, focusing its work on interactive dialogue with relevant non-governmental organizations and on conceptual support of and dialogue with the independent expert, who shall participate as an observer.

58. Total full costs of the activities envisaged under this decision amount to $78,100 under section 24, Human rights, in the biennium 2004-2005 and $156,200 under section 23, Human rights, in the biennium 2006-2007. The mandate of the independent expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature. Provisions for activities of this nature have already been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. **Hence, no additional appropriation would be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution.**

59. **The amendment of the mandate of the Working Group, as envisaged under operative paragraph 9 of the resolution, would make available the amount of $72,200 for other mandates under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.**

60. Conference-servicing provisions related to the mandate of the Working Group have been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. **Hence, the adoption of the resolution would not entail additional conference-servicing requirements.**

L. Decision 2005/285: Promotion of the realization of the right to drinking water and sanitation

61. By its decision 2005/285, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/106, endorsing the Commission's request that the reports (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2002/10, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2003/WP.3 and

E/CN.4/Sub.2/2004/20) of the Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights on the conduct of a detailed study on the relationship between the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights and the promotion of the realization of the right to drinking water supply and sanitation at the national and international levels be published in the official languages of the United Nations.

62. The full cost of the activities envisaged under this decision would amount to $26,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. **It is anticipated that the costs could be absorbed within the overall resources included in the programme budget for this biennium under section 2.**

M. Decision 2005/286: Terrorism and human rights

63. By its decision 2005/286, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/107 and endorsed the Commission's recommendation that a compilation into a comprehensive document of all the reports and documents submitted to date by the Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights on terrorism and human rights be published as a United Nations publication as part of the *Human Rights Study Series*.

64. The full cost of the activities envisaged under decision 2005/286 would amount to $14,000 under section 24, Human rights, for 2004-2005. No provision has been made under the programme budget for these requirements. It is anticipated, however, that the costs could be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for this biennium under section 24. **Therefore, no additional appropriation is required.**

N. Decision 2005/289: Final report on the study on indigenous peoples' permanent sovereignty over natural resources

65. By its decision 2005/289, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/110 and endorsed the Commission's recommendation to authorize the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene an expert seminar during 2005, to which representatives of indigenous peoples and Governments, as well as the Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, would be invited, in order to give further attention to and to discuss in detail the many political, legal, economic, social and cultural aspects relating to the study on indigenous peoples' permanent sovereignty over natural resources (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2004/30), as well as to the study entitled "Indigenous peoples and their relationship to land" (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2001/21).

66. Convening the expert seminar would require a provision of $55,200 to cover travel and subsistence requirements for the participants in the seminar, including the Special Rapporteur, and conference-servicing provisions of $57,000. It is anticipated that the total cost of $112,200 would be covered from extrabudgetary

resources available to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. **Hence, no additional appropriation would be required.**

67. The Council also endorsed the Commission's recommendation that the studies be issued as United Nations publications as part of the *Human Rights Study Series*.

68. All the reports of the Special Rapporteur are available in the Official Document System of the United Nations, to which free public access has been provided via the Internet. The hard copies of the reports could be obtained from the United Nations information centres and libraries around the world and from the information desk of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and its field offices. **Hence, no additional appropriation would be required**.

O. Decision 2005/290: Enhancing and strengthening the effectiveness of the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights

69. By its decision 2005/290, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission decision 2005/113 and endorsed the decision of the Commission to request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize an open-ended seminar in 2005 from within existing resources, in consultation with the expanded Bureau of the Commission, as part of the effort to enhance and strengthen the effectiveness of the special procedures and to submit a report on the implementation of decision 2005/113 to the Commission at its sixty-second session.

70. The activities envisaged in connection with organizing the open-ended seminar would require provisions under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for: (a) travel and subsistence for the eight special procedures mandate-holders, totalling $43,800, and (b) communications and miscellaneous administrative costs of $1,500. No provision has been made under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for travel, subsistence and miscellaneous requirements. However, it is anticipated that the costs could be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for this biennium under section 24, Human rights. **Therefore, no additional appropriation is required.**

71. Preparation of the seminar would also require a provision for consultancy services of $15,000 under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. It is anticipated that those costs could be absorbed within the overall extrabudgetary resources of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. **Therefore, no additional appropriation is required.**

P. Decision 2005/292: Organization of work of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights

72. By its decision 2005/292, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/115 and authorized six fully serviced additional meetings, including summary records, in accordance with rules 29 and 31 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, for the Commission's sixty-second session.

73. The Council also requested the Chairperson of the sixty-second session of the Commission to make every effort to organize the work of the session within the time normally allotted so that the additional meetings which the Council might authorize would be utilized only if they proved to be absolutely necessary.

74. The full cost of conference services envisaged under decision 2005/292 would amount to $169,400 in 2006, as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	162 800
Section 28E. Administration, Geneva	6 600
Total	**169 400**

75. **No conference-servicing provisions have been made for the six additional meetings in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Therefore, an additional appropriation by the General Assembly would be required of $162,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $6,600 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva.**

Q. Decision 2005/295: Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

76. By its decision 2005/295, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/62 and endorsed the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission at its sixty-second session a report on the implementation of his five-point action plan and on the activities of the Special Adviser on the prevention of genocide, as well as its invitation to the Special Adviser to address the Commission at the same session and at the sixty-third session on the progress made in discharging his duties.

77. Resources for travel and subsistence would be required in connection with the invitation to the Special Adviser to address the Commission at its sixty-second and sixty-third sessions. No provisions have been made for these requirements in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. The full cost of such requirements would amount to $14,200 under section 23, Human rights. **These requirements would need to be met through an additional appropriation by the General Assembly.**

III. Overall requirements

78. The implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational and first substantive sessions of 2005 would give rise to total requirements of $4,143,300, of which $3,571,300 can be absorbed, leaving a requirement of $572,000 in addition to the resources initially proposed for the biennium 2006-2007, as shown in the table below and in the annex.

Additional requirements for the biennium 2006-2007

(United States dollars)

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	414 700
Section 9. Economic and social affairs	13 500
Section 23. Human rights	129 200
Section 28E. Administration, Geneva	14 600
Total	**572 000**

IV. Contingency fund

79. It will be recalled that under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

80. The table above indicates that net additional provisions of $572,000 would be required over and above the resources initially proposed for the biennium 2006-2007. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities under sections 2, 9, 23 and 28E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 that could be curtailed, deferred, terminated or modified during that biennium in order to meet the additional requirement of $572,000.

V. Recommendation

81. In summary, the implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational and first substantive sessions of 2005 would give rise to net requirements for the biennium 2004-2005 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($654,600), section 24, Human rights ($295,100), and section 29E, Administration, Geneva ($14,600), totalling $964,300, which will be accommodated in the relevant sections of the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005.

82. **Furthermore, Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/46 and decisions 2005/255, 2005/256, 2005/273, 2005/278, 2005/292 and 2005/295 would give rise to net requirements of $572,000 in addition to the resources initially proposed for the biennium 2006-2007 under various sections as follows: section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($414,700), section 9, Economic and social affairs ($13,500), section 23, Human rights ($129,200), and section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($14,600).**

83. **No provision was made under sections 2, 9, 23 and 28E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 to cover the identified additional requirements. Consequently, a net additional provision of $572,000 is sought over and above the resources proposed in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. This provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2006-2007.**

Notes

[1] The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 is contained in documents A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sects. 1-35), A/58/6 (Income sects. 1-3), A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6/Corr.1 and A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1 and 2.

[2] The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 is contained in documents A/60/6 (Introduction), A/60/6 (Sects. 1-35), A/60/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/60/6/Corr.1-3.

Annex

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational and first substantive sessions of 2005

(Thousands of United States dollars)

			2004-2005	2006-2007		
		Budget section[a]	*Requirements for expenditure (to be absorbed)*[b]	*Requests for expenditure*	*To be absorbed*	*Requirements for appropriation*
Economic and Social Council resolutions						
2005/29	Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session and provisional agenda for its sixth session	2	-	2 607 000	2 607 000	-
2005/46	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti	9	-	13 500	-	13 500
Economic and Social Council decisions						
2005/217	Reform proposed by the Secretary-General in the area of human rights	2	55 900	-	-	-
		29E/28E	1 400	-	-	-
2005/255	The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	2	103 800	207 600	-	207 600
		24/23	77 600	155 200	-	155 200
		29E/28E	3 300	6 600	-	6 600
2005/256	The right to development	2	341 600	-	-	-
		24/23	89 300	6 500	-	6 500
		29E/28E	6 600	-	-	-
2005/260	Effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights	2	82 600	-	-	-
		24/23	43 400	-	-	-
		29E/28E	1 900	-	-	-
2005/273	Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	2	44 300	44 300	-	44 300
		24/23	25 500	25 500	-	25 500
		29E/28E	1 400	1 400	-	1 400
2005/278	Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities	24/23	-	(72 200)	-	(72 200)
2005/285	Promotion and realization of the right to drinking water and sanitation	2	26 400			
2005/286	Terrorism and human rights	24/23	14 000			
2006/290	Enhancing and strengthening the effectiveness of the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights	24/23	45 300			
2005/292	Organization of work of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights	2	-	162 800	-	162 800
		29E/28E	-	6 600	-	6 600
2005/295	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide	24/23		14 200	-	14 200
Total			**964 300**	**3 179 000**	**2 607 000**	**572 000**

[a] Where there are two section numbers, the first refers to the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and the second to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006/2007.

[b] The estimated cost of the additional activities requested by the Commission on Human Rights relating to perennial activities will be financed from the existing provision; such costs are therefore not included in the present annex.